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SUBJECT: THE WAKE

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FOR DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY READ FROM AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER.

2. I HAD HOPED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE WAKE THIS EVENING, BUT THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE. CONSEQUENTLY, THIS MESSAGE WILL HAVE TO SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR MY PRESENCE--ALTHOUGH NOTHING CAN TRULY DO THAT.

3. I SAY WAKE BECAUSE I KNOW HOW GREAT IS YOUR LOSS. WHILE I WOULD NEVER BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO CLAIM THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE (AT LEAST SINCE LAST JANUARY 20) IS EFFICIENT, MRS. LEATHERMAN'S DEPARTURE FROM M CONSTITUTES A GRAVE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY (OR AT LEAST THAT SMALL PART OF IT OVER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANY INFLUENCE). IMAGINE IF YOU CAN HINDENBURG WITHOUT LUDENDORF, TRUMAN WITH ACHESON, OR MUTT WITHOUT JEFF, AND YOU WILL HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF STATE WITHOUT MILLIE.

4. BUT THERE IS A BRIGHTER SIDE. WHILE THE POSITION OF DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT WAS, FOR A SHORT TIME, PREEMINENTLY VITAL IN THE GLOBAL SCHEME OF THINGS, IT HAS NOW RETURNED TO ITS
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IMPORTANT--BUT NOT CRITICAL--ROLE IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. AND SO IT IS TIME, GIVEN MRS. LEATHERMAN'S GREAT AND GOOD QUALITIES, THAT SHE MOVE ON TO BETTER THINGS. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE TO ADMIT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS INCAPABLE OF MAKING THE BEST USE OF ITS RESOURCES--AND WE ALL KNOW HOW FAR THAT WOULD BE FROM THE TRUTH.

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5. AND SO BEN, I OFFER YOU BOTH SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES. BUT
ONLY A LITTLE BIT, FOR YOUR LOSS IS MY GAIN.
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